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October 30, 2003

Hon. James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation P. O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: Yegua 1 Zone, Reservoir B, Kinder Field, Allen Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Noble Energy, Inc. to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the Yegua 1 Zone, Reservoir B, Kinder Field, Allen Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Yegua 1 Zone, Reservoir B, Kinder Field, Allen Parish, Louisiana;
- 2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the Yegua 1 Zone, Reservoir B designated as the Y-1 RB SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto;

- 3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
- 4. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;
- 5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Yegua 1 Zone, Reservoir B.

The Yegua 1 Zone, Reservoir B in the Kinder Field, is hereby defined as that gas, oil, and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 9,170 feet and 9,790 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Aviara Energy Corporation (formerly Columbia Gas Development Corp.)-J.M. LeBlanc et ux No. 1 Well located in Section 11, Township 6 South, Range 6 West, Allen Parish, Louisiana.

No request for the pre-application conference was received, and accordingly it WILL NOT BE HELD.

In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice of the hearing and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of Kinder Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Kinder Field at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY from Cutright & Hardwick, P. O. Box 80972, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70598-0972, (337) 232-7756.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the proposed Y-1 RB SUA, in the Kinder Field, Allen Parish, Louisiana. Also enclosed to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager ONLY is a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this notice is being sent. Copies of this list will be provided upon request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested

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Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties. Also enclosed is our check to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

STRAIN, DENNIS, MAYHALL

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cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
District Manager

Interested Parties Interested Owners Represented Parties

